

Psalm 137:1-9 **Sorrow of Babylonian Captivity – Pledge of Loyalty to Jerusalem  
Remembering the Prophecies of Destruction of Edom and Babylon**

*Longing for Zion in a Foreign Land*

- <sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.  
<sup>2</sup> We hung our harps Upon the willows in the midst of it.  
<sup>3</sup> For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, And those who plundered us *requested* mirth, *Saying*, "Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion!"  
<sup>4</sup> How shall we sing Yahweh (the LORD)'s song In a foreign land?
- <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget *its skill!*  
<sup>6</sup> If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth –  
If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy.
- <sup>7</sup> Remember, O LORD , against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze *it*, raze *it*, To its very foundation!"  
<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed, Happy the one who repays you as you have served us!  
<sup>9</sup> Happy the one who takes and dashes Your little ones against the rock!

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Facts Revealed:

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How shall we sing Yahweh (the LORD)'s song In a foreign land? [Psalm 137:1-4]
- ✧ Sorrow of being tormented in Babylonian captivity.
- ✧ If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget *its skill!*  
If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth –  
If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy. [Psalm 137:5-6]
- ✧ Pledge to remember and exalt Jerusalem.
- ✧ Remember, O Yahweh (LORD), against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze *it*, raze *it*, To its very foundation!"  
O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed, Happy the one who repays you as you have served us!  
Happy the one who takes and dashes Your little ones against the rock! [Psalm 137:7-9]
- ✧ When Jerusalem was carried away by the Babylonians, the Edomites rejoiced claiming the land as theirs.
- ✧ The psalmist prayed for Yahweh to remember the attitude of the Edomites in judgment. [Jeremiah 49:7-22, Ezekiel 25:12-14, 35:1-15, Joel 3:19, Amos 1:11-13]
- ✧ He remembered the prophesy of the destruction of Babylon and expressed the joy of those who carry it out in the future. [Jeremiah 50:1 through 51:64]

